

A COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE

SUPPORTS FOR SUCCESS

SUPPORTS FOR SUCCESS (SFS) IS A MODEL INTERVENTION WHICH HELPS PUBLIC SYSTEMS IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OUTCOMES FOR MARGINALIZED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ONTARIO.

Supports for Success re-imagines the way we organize our collective resources to increase opportunity and promote positive outcomes for children and youth at critical stages of their life journey. Building on national and international evidence, Supports for Success seeks to bridge the gaps across systems, services and programs to enable all children and youth to succeed.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Collective impact is a leading strategy to facilitate structured collaboration across different sectors and to achieve system-level change. When different actors come together around a shared vision, align their goals, coordinate strategic actions, and evaluate their progress, transformation is possible.

Collective Impact Pillars

1. Common agenda
2. Shared measurement
3. Mutually reinforcing activities
4. Continuous communication
5. Backbone leadership



OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL

SFS PRESENTS AN EXPANDED COLLECTIVE IMPACT STRATEGY THAT DRAWS FROM FOUR CORE APPROACHES.

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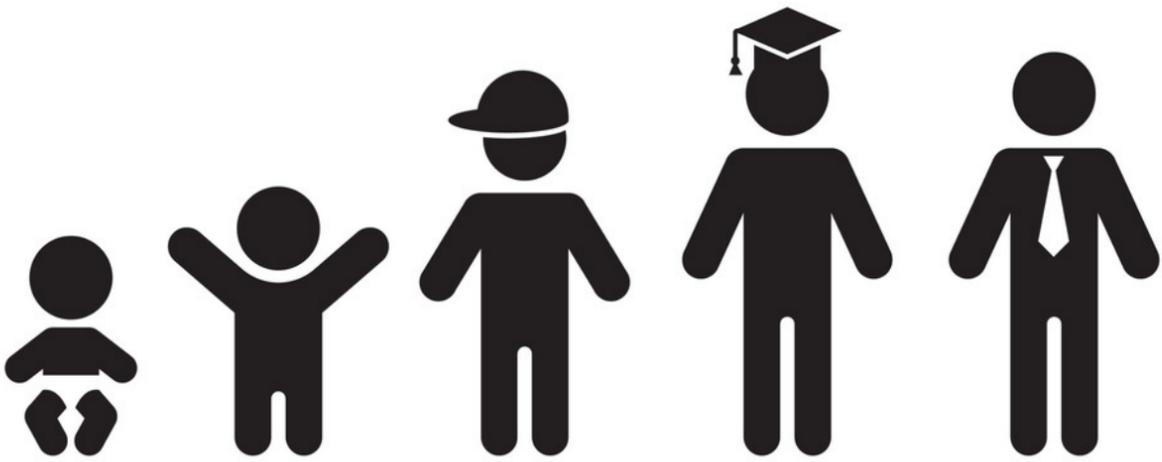
It is based on a **life-course approach** that aims to create a continuum of coordinated collective impact initiatives supporting individuals from cradle to career.

The life-course approach is a strategy that focuses on a healthy start to life and ensures that supports are created to provide gap-free services for young people at critical periods throughout their development.

For more information on how this model was developed and the evidence base supporting it, please refer to the Supports for Success Summary Report.

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It includes **three levels of coordination** and action:

- between local service providers;
- between community members (including youth and parents);
- between funders.



3 Stakeholder Tables: *Levels of Collective Impact*



5 Life-Stage Tables: *Multi-level Working Groups*



It uses a **strengths-based** model to focus on building on the strengths of young people and of community;



Our collective impact focuses on prevention, building on strengths to sustain and promote successful outcomes, rather than taking remedial measures to address negative outcomes after they manifest.

It is developed from understanding the needs of diverse and marginalized youth.



A key part of the SFS collective impact vision is that the families, children and youth whose outcomes we aim to change are **equal leaders** in the process, alongside funders and service providers.



With evidence to drive change, effective strategies for creating change, and the voice of community members guiding us, it is possible to revitalize our systems of support so that all our children and youth are equipped for success when they reach adulthood.

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